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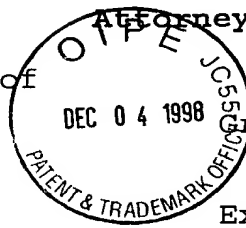
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For: METHOD FOR THE BROAD SPECTRUM PREVENTION AND REMOVAL
OF MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS BY
QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS



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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated August 4, 1998. Accompanying this response is a check in the amount of \$55.00 and a petition for a one-month extension of time. The time to respond is extended to December 4, 1998, which is within the six-month statutory period. Also enclosed is a terminal disclaimer and accompanying requisite fee of \$55.00. Should the petition for the extension or associated fees be deficient or absent, please consider this paragraph to be an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from PTO deposit account No. 19-0741. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 27-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Once amended) A method for preventing the growth of microorganisms other than *Salmonella* on meat products other than poultry comprising:
contacting said meat product other than poultry with a microbial growth inhibiting effective amount of a quaternary ammonium compound for about 20 seconds to about less than 10 minutes [for a sufficient period of time] to prevent the growth of microorganisms other than *Salmonella* on said meat product.

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